

October 2024

What's been happening

Groundworks - On-line Presence - Coffee Morning - Defib/bleed kit training

The hall closed at the beginning of August to allow some ground works to be completed safely and with minimal disruption to the user groups. The photo shows the front of the hall looking neat and tidy: local firm NJ Boulton's have done a great job creating a wide path around the hall with a border to the front ready for planting.

The appeal for 'bulb donations' in the form of the timely free voucher from Byrkley Park Garden centre, was highly successful and in the Spring we should see flashes of yellow in front of the hall! Thank you to everyone who donated their voucher or bulbs.

Steps with a handrail have also been constructed enabling easier access to the car park which is the meeting point in emergency situations. Meachen

and Bevan electricians have installed PIR emergency lighting around the hall, and you may have noticed that the white concrete bollard on the front path has been replaced with two illuminated bollards, one on each side of the path. There is also an illuminated bollard positioned at the top of the steps to the car park. Unfortunately, as we do not own the car park, we are unable to extend lighting or pathway onto this area.

All this work has been possible with the Grant Ward Enhancement Program funding from the East Staffordshire Borough Council, which not only required an application form but also a formal presentation by a team from the Village Hall Committee at Burton.

In August Mary Dorrington ran a short course on Defibrillator and Bleed kit training to support the resources that are mounted on the Village Hall for the community's benefit if ever needed. If you are interested in attending a course, please contact us, if you're not able to attend, then please look at our website where we have a link to a short bleed kit instruction video.



A Macmillan coffee morning was held on 19th September and was highly successful with over £300 being raised - the hall was 'buzzing' with villagers and there was a great atmosphere. Thanks are be extended to the Thursday morning Ladies Exercise Class and a couple of local ladies for baking the most delicious cakes!

Work with a Staffordshire University student has resulted in a new-look website <https://www.stramshallvillagehall.co.uk> with our new logo, and an improved social media presence on Facebook for the village hall. Weekly updates are posted on 'Stramshall Village Hall', 'Stramshall, Spath and Hollington Community Group' and 'Stramshall ACE' Facebook pages.

Upcoming Events

Every Thursday

Coffee Morning

10:45am - 12:45pm

If you haven't made it along yet: it's all FREE! Tea/coffee/biscuits - there are plenty of people to chat with and we have table games and jigsaws as well as children's toys. We have also introduced a theme every few weeks - ideas in hand are a visit from our local library and Coffee Connect again (who always bring along some free goodies!).



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or 01889 624631

STRAMSHALL VILLAGE HALL

Thursday 24th October 2024

Doors open 7:15pm - 7:30pm prompt start

Tickets available from: Catherine 01889 624631

Or Stramshallvillagehall.contact@gmail.com £5.00 each

Please book early to avoid disappointment

Proceeds to:



SOS Charity
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30th November - Friends of the Church **Christmas Fayre** (with Santa's Grotto) 1-4pm
Also your chance to buy a number in the 100 Club: there are just a few numbers left.

6th December - **Christmas Tree Lights** switch-on and Friends of the Church Christmas Raffle draw (tickets will be on sale soon). The Village Hall will be open for hot drinks and games.

7th December - **Tea Dance** -with the lively Carol Bradbury on Keyboard.

Tickets **£6.50** (non-refundable) from Pat Cliff 07973 478444 - call or text any time.

If you have any ideas for other activities you would like to see at the hall then please get in touch with any of the committee members: we would love to hear from you!

The hall can be booked for regular activities or children's parties and other one-off events: our rates are very competitive. Simply call Fay Phoenix on 07710 971263 or email Stramshallvillagehall.bookings@gmail.com. Our calendar of events can also be found at <https://www.stramshallvillagehall.co.uk/booking>